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Mr. Richard C. Helms  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Helms:

The Joint Economic Committee is preparing another of its periodic studies of the economy of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to be released sometime during the first half of 1968. The Committee's plan, on this occasion, is to present relevant material largely in statistical form, following in the main the subject matter and format of our 1965 publication "Current Economic Indicators for the USSR." This should be modified, of course, by the availability of new types of material or by the need to reflect significant new trends in the Soviet economy.

Conceptually, the proposed study might be entitled "Soviet Economic Performance, 1966-1967" covering individual sectors of the economy by a means of selected statistical tables, prefaced by a brief text describing the noteworthy developments in the sector during the recent past. While it is not contemplated that the new volume will be as comprehensive or interpretative as that published by the Committee in July 1966 under the heading of "New Directions in the Soviet Economy," this most recent study provides an appropriate frame of reference as to the arrangement and scope of materials to be included.

The Committee is once more turning to your organization for research and analytical support in connection with this important undertaking. The contributions made by the Central Intelligence Agency in the past, as everyone will agree, have greatly helped the earlier Joint Economic Committee studies in achieving a high standard of scholarship and gaining a wide recognition, in Congress and elsewhere, as a major source of up-to-date, verifiable data and objective analysis on the economy of the Soviet Union.


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The Committee is specifically interested in obtaining from the Central Intelligence Agency new and up-dated material related to: (a) recent developments in the manpower situation; (b) recent trends in population and educational attainment; and (c) a selected bibliography of current Soviet economic monographs.

In the interest of keeping within our regular publication schedule, the Committee would like to have all contributions to the forthcoming survey submitted by March 1, 1968.

I hope that we will receive your cooperation in this matter, as we have in the past. You may wish to designate a member of your staff to discuss the particulars of the subject matter to be covered by your agency with Mr. Leon M. Herman, Legislative Reference Service, Library of Congress, who will again serve as the coordinator of the study for the Joint Economic Committee.

Sincerely,

  
Hale Boggs, Chairman  
Subcommittee on Foreign  
Economic Policy

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**Remarks:** The attached letter from Representative Hale Boggs obviously refers to the same publication which was the subject of an exchange of memoranda between Mr. Morell and yourself on this subject and on which you obtained Colonel White's approval. We have sent a copy directly to Mr. Morell.

Assistant Legislative Counsel

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<p><b>Remarks:</b> Attached is a copy of the letter from Representative Hale Boggs which I discussed with you along with a copy of Bruce Clarke's paper.</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;"><div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 200px; height: 20px; margin: 0 auto;"></div><p><b>Assistant Legislative Counsel</b></p></div>			
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